Dear Paul,

2/4/79

I've finished reading all the copies of which I wrote you yesterday or day before, those including Sylvia's comments. I'll be adding to this in bits and pieces because of interruptions, the first of which just drove in.

They are quite valuable to me in ways not indicated in the notes. With regard to some if I have time I'll make a few comments.

I will want more and will provide a list.

For the future I think it will be easier and cheaper if I get two copies of everything. This will be less than the cost to me of making a single extra copy and the time factor has become more important, especially with Lil through April and a few orthopaedic problems she has developed.

I want to keep a separate file of copies from you because one or two needs to have to consult will more than repay the cost if I do not have this. I also have started a subject file, as you may recall, with DFO and to be added NO FO records. (Copies made a month ago and no time to even look at them.)

There are special values in what I see and others do not/ I've told Gary Mack about two other "new" films and he is to see them soon. He is excited about one I think he is to see today. Yates and Scruggs.

When Lil can make the copies I've indicated from this set from you we'll check against the list. I think there were errors. Also, I'll be indicating where I may want more than two copies of those I did not get. I've gotten a bit more of the hang of SM's abbreviations and her perspective.

Later. Gary Mack reported that he had seen 19 stills to which I referred him from my DFO filds. Some at airport, some/possibly of next day. Uncertain. /TSBD He has spoken to Groden and has lead for man with original negatives. He also now has three new leads on Capp Field and mother, movies. Stills name Yates. The third is Scruggs, which he hopes to see soon. Has spoken to them.

Two other people were here for different purposes when he phoned and I forgot what is important to him that I found in your stuff, marked for copy for him when Lil can make copies. Backs up reported computer enhancement of single Bronson frame of which I've heard.

My head is not too clear at the moment. I've been doing some work, which is good for me, helping a friend restack our warehouse of books, so to speak. Finding this single record and now recognizing it from the SM descriptions may be quite significant, as also may be the fact that all others appear not to have detected its potential significance. So I think it is another argument in favor of my getting two copies of each record, even though they duplicate what I have but cannot retrieve. Especially if the copies can be in pairs. What this would mean, slight as the chances may be, is that I would not have to wait for Lil to make copies. If I spot something of potential significance I can mail it promptly and indicate a copy on the complete set, for subject filing.

As I may have said, I also believe it is a good idea to keep a separate file of those that bear your Item numbers, which is the only possible retrieval means available from your notes and Sylvia's.

Very interrupted day. Long conversation with Policoff, then some outside work, clearing ice from lane, and I'm again fuzzy in the head. Another friend is about to come to split some firewood for me, so another interruption. Sorry.

Anyway, any more copies, please send me two sets, if possible with duplicate copies together because I've no room left for spreading anything else out. If not, two separate sets. In the long run this will cost me no more, maybe less, and if your or other notes accompany them, even better. If the pkg is large enough for 4cl please add "Special Handling," not a great charge and carries as 1 class after it leaves you post office. I'll add postage when I send check. I'll probably resume with comments on individual Items as I've marked list.

Thanks,

2/5/78- a few comments by PLH item No.

689,690 are on Ford-DeLoach contacts. There are others having to do with a party meeting. On still another Hoover referred to Ford as a "toad." I'd love that one. The papers would not use and pretended not to recall citation.

719, the "Louisiana situation"- can it be the Secret Service printing investigation? You may recall the FBI got the SS out of that fast. However, after LBJ gave the FBI the job there are records referring to SS as having jurisdiction.

745 - there is so little reference to the JFK assassination remaining I suspect the FBI excised some of that material, too.

757 - That Eldon Rudd was an SA in MxCy Legat, now Congressman. It was a Navy plane, he had pix and tape of intercept, was met at love Filed a little after midnight by Neilman (Heitman?) DFO "red" subject expert.

760 - supposedly summary of LHO's military records makes no reference to any security clearances.

769 - background on Ferrie et al, omits that Ferrie was case defense investig tor when Marcello beat deportation rap and was at the court with SA Regis Kennedy.

839 - I presume you know Mario Kohly-Morrow connection/CIA.

902 - of the records relating to me, perhaps these, the FBI knew before release that it had fabricated and released despite invocation of Privacy Act and JL's letter to AG. Under Act I was entitled to have correction disclosed with any corrected records. But they were not about to admit that the so-called annual celebration of the Russian Revolution (two months early yet) was a fabrication and they could not resist the temptation to defame. It was a Jewish Welfare Board picnic after the high holidays, for Wash area service personnel and families. I suggest this represents the real Gestapo/KGB, aka FBI.

918 - my copy not complete. Any hunch who the source is? Space does not fit name of Dallas Times-Herald editor who took up with FBI about then. Note that this was not leaked until after Shanklin's retirement was secure and that Hosty was not in any way disciplined for the destruction. Even allowed to talk to HSCA and Earl Golz.

942 - me on the Alan Burke Show, FBI's refusal to participate: Noble has always been in Lane's pocket. When the FBI would not provide opposition Noble turned to Lane and his publisher, who provided four lawyers, in apparent anticipation of ruining me and helping the Lane coming market. It worked the other way. I ruined them and it made quite a show.

950 - the finding of the bagged pistol in downtown Dallas: I got this in C.A. 78-0322. No follow-up investigation, at least not in files I got.